How He Got His Start

By EDWIN PARKE

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FRANK DIMMOCK and I after leaving school started out to make a career for ourselves. Frank was a sensitive fellow, too sensitive, I thought, to succeed. Our paths diverged, and we did not meet again for ten years. Then I found that he had been eminently successful. He told me this story of how it came about:

After leaving school I looked about a long while for a job, and the only offer I got was detective work. I didn't like the prospect, but it was a case of starvation or acceptance. I was not hired for an intricate job. My employers knew better than that, for I had had no experience. I was wanted for a common case of spying.

Frank Petersen, a young bank official, had got mixed in his accounts and was behind to the amount of $50,000. He had disappeared, and the detectives were unable to locate him. At the time I was engaged it had come to the knowledge of the chief that the defaulter's wife had taken passage on a steamer about to sail for the Philippines. Surmising that she would join her husband, the chief ordered me to go on the same steamer with her, make her acquaintance, find out what I could, and if she joined Petersen I was to arrest him and bring him back.

I found Mrs. Petersen to be a very attractive young woman, who had evi-

HE HEARD A MOMENT'S SPLASH AND WAILS.

dently been accustomed to luxury. She had taken with her a lot of [illegible] when she set out. On each day she sat in a steamer chair, while [illegible] played with her. I [illegible] to resist the temptation to [illegible] mind to [illegible] and began my pursuit when the sea was rough. The waves much higher than the rest and the ship, and for a moment [illegible] was almost perpendicular. I was leaning against the gunwale, and the boy was thrown on to it. He hung for a moment between ship and water and would have gone over had I not clutched to him and caught him.

You can imagine the feeling of his mother. Her first act was to clasp her child in her arms, her second to take my hand and look up in my face with unspeakable gratitude. It was now not necessary to plan for an introduction or to win her confidence. From that time she treated me as a friend.

I have always, as you know, been fond of children. Jack, the boy, was as pretty and bright a little fellow as I ever saw, while Alice, the girl, was a tiny madcap. Her big blue eyes and tumbled hair I shall never forget. Children are always glad to make a friend, and these two teased me continually to play with them, tell them stories and repeat rhymes. Dear little tots! I wish I had them with me now.

The voyage was half finished, and I had not made a single effort to find out what I was sent to discover. One night I lay in my berth thinking on the situation. My expenses and my salary were being paid for certain work which I was not doing. This was dishonest. Suppose I should return and report that I had been baffled. This would be still more dishonest. And if it should become known that I had deliberately thrown away my opportunity it might be inferred that I was in league with the criminal. No; I could not return.

The next morning, while sitting on deck with Mrs. Petersen, I gave her every opportunity to tell me on what errand she was bound and if she expected to join her husband, but on these matters she maintained an absolute silence. "Good woman," I said to myself, "true blue. Stick to your husband and be father of your children." This was not the mood for a detective. I almost even rather said, "You're very [illegible] I'll find out a way to [illegible] and set your tongue [illegible] back and wants [illegible] little woman down, and Alice [illegible] on my shoulder, and between [illegible], patient smile of the young mother beside me and the children's arms about me my resolution of the night before went off with the wind.

Well, we were coming to the end of our journey, and I had made no headway with what I had been hired to do. Instead of bracing up for an effort I put the matter off, stipulating with myself that I would do better when we were ashore and I would not be so intimately connected with my victims. Then I would do some fine sparring [illegible].

[illegible] we stood on the ship's deck in the harbor of Manila taking leave of each other. The mother gave my hand a warm grasp, assuring me she would never forget that her boy was spared to her only through me. Both the children clamored for kisses and it seemed they would never loosen their arms from about my neck. When I went down the gangway they followed to the gunwale, Jack climbing at the risk of falling overboard. Alice held up by her mother, all waving and shouting goodbys.

It was several days after we reached Manila before I took any steps in the business on which I had come out. I tried to deceive myself into believing that I was waiting for something, but in reality I was giving them time to get away. I hesitated money and drew on the agency in San Francisco. This made me ashamed of myself. I bustled into a police office with a great show of business and hired a man to do the work I should have done myself. I gave him a description of Mrs. Petersen and told him to find out if she had left Manila and, if so, where she had gone. Then I waited, every day dreading that he would report what I did not wish to know. In a couple of days he returned with the information that Mrs. Petersen had gone to an army post in the interior and had changed her name to Finch, having joined her husband, a lieutenant of artillery serving under that name.

Well, at last I was in for it, sure enough. You see, another fellow had the secret. It was a choice between my getting the man I had employed off in a lonely place and murdering him or arresting Petersen, alias Finch. I confess I was strongly inclined to the murder, but reluctantly decided on the arrest. I went to the post where Lieutenant Finch was on duty. I found that he was considered a gallant soldier and had risen from the ranks for bravery in action.

One evening, braced with much resolution, but with a cowardly heart, I went to Finch's quarters and without ring or knock entered a hallway. Near by was an open door, and from within I could hear voices—a woman's, which I recognized as Mrs. Petersen's, and two children's, Jack's and Alice's. I moved forward and stood before the open door. An officer in khaki was sitting with Jack on one knee and Alice on the other while the wife was standing behind with her arms around her husband's neck. The moment she saw me she uttered an exclamation of pleasure, coming forward with outstretched hands. Jack and Alice jumped down from their father's knees and clung to my legs.

"This is the gentleman," said Mrs. Petersen, "who saved Jack's life."

The officer came forward and welcomed me warmly. What could I do? Turn this happy welcome into gall by arresting the father and husband before his wife and children? I felt as if I had been caught stealing instead of catching a thief. But it wasn't long before they took all remembrance of my duty out of me. Mrs. Petersen insisted that I must be hungry and on [illegible] a supper for me. As soon [illegible] ready we all sat down at [illegible] and were soon chatting and [illegible], rapidly becoming the best of [illegible]. In the midst of our hilarity [illegible] and Alice, who had been put to bed in an adjoining room, came romping [illegible] in their nightclothes and perched themselves on my shoulders. I took them back to bed in my own arms and rocked them up. We sat till late, smoking and chatting, I passing one of the pleasantest evenings in my life.

When I arose to go the officer asked me how long I would be in the Philippines. That brought me back to the

"THIS IS THE GENTLEMAN WHO SAVED JACK'S LIFE."

position I was in, now far more complicated than before. But all hope of doing my duty had vanished. I told him that I would return in the next steamer.

Asking me to wait, he took his wife into another room for conference, and when he came out he came alone, shutting the door behind him. He told me that he had become involved in the United States in this wise: An emergency arose wherein he must have money for an enterprise in which he had embarked or lose all he had put in. His wife held property which would stand for the amount. He appropriated funds he had no right to appropriate, intending to replace them from money received from the sale of his wife's property, but an unexpected delay occurred. His appropriation of funds was discovered, and a warrant was out for his arrest. He fled and enlisted under his assumed name of Finch in a regiment about to sail for the Philippines. His wife after a long delay had received the purchase money for her property and had joined him to consult with him as to the best means of paying the debt and freeing him from the criminal position in which he stood. The law having been violated restitution did not mean immunity from punishment. Some person of diplomatic skill was needed to take the funds to the United States, secure indemnity papers and pay the indebtedness. Would I act as his attorney with this end in view?

I had come into his quarters feeling like a sneaking cur; I went out with my head in the air, the happiest, most relieved man you ever saw. Before taking leave I went in to see the children, and their mother insisted on awakening them to say goodby to me. I kissed them both, pulled Jack's little pink toes, poked my finger in the dim

I WENT TO THE BANK AND HAD A CONFERENCE.

ples in Alice's cheeks; then after their father had pressed my right hand, their mother my left, I made my way out on to the veranda and took my departure.

In a few days I sailed for home and on my arrival, instead of reporting to my employers, went to the bank where Petersen owed money and had a conference. At the end of which they agreed to secure indemnity, papers in case the amount owed them were paid. As soon as they perfected the legal requirements I paid the money and reported the result by cable to Petersen. He resigned from the army, came home with his wife and children and is now living in the United States under his real name, a much respected citizen.

When all had been arranged I reported the facts to my employer. They immediately discharged me for not having arrested Petersen and for not acting through them after my return. Within a week I was solicited to work for five different detective agencies. You see, the firm I had been with in order to make capital reported that the Petersen case had been settled through them. So it was reported that I had slyly followed Mrs. Petersen, won her confidence, tracked her to her husband and at the point of a pistol forced him to disgorge. The story reached Petersen that I had been sent out to arrest him and had ingloriously shown the white feather before a woman and two children. He took me home to dinner, and you may imagine better than I can describe the scene that followed. Mrs. Petersen—well, she just threw her arms around my neck and hugged me.

Since then Petersen has been engaged in a number of enterprises that have been paying well. I am his manager and right hand man.

Cheap Way to "Show Off."

The portly woman in the stairway car was confiding in her thin friend in a voice which was heard above the rattle of the train.

"I had just picked out the table I wanted—a trim little thing to fit in a corner of my parlor, when who should come in but that horrid Mrs. Shoddy. I wouldn't have her know for the world that I was paying only $3.50 for the table, so I turned to one marked $18 before she saw me.

"'Buying a table?' she asked, with that deceitful smile of hers.

"'Yes,' I said coolly. 'I have almost decided upon this one,' I said, pointing out the expensive affair.

"You should have seen her face. 'Isn't it rather expensive?' she said.

"'Oh, no,' I said. 'You can't expect to get good things for nothing. Send that table to my address,' I said to the salesman. 'I'll pay for it on delivery.' Then I walked out. I waited outside until Mrs. Shoddy went away, then ran back to the store, countermanded the order for the eighteen dollar table and took the one for $3.50. I was sorry afterward that I hadn't selected a table worth about $100 just to spite that woman."—New York Press.

African Superstition.

In South Africa I and my black companions had once to sit down and wait two and a half hours at a place on a fairly open forest path because across it, in front of us, about that time in the afternoon the ghost of a spear flew, and a touch from it was necessarily fatal. And there is a spring I know of in the Kakongo district where when you go to fill your pitcher you see a very handsome pitcher standing ready filled. Many a lady, seeing no one about to whom the pitcher belongs, has picked this up and left her own, but as soon as she got it within sight of the village it crumbles into earth and the water is spilled on the ground. On returning for her own discarded one it is always found broken.—Cornhill Magazine.

Costly, but Lasting.

Johnny—What! Only married a year and yet you are so downcast? Wally—Ah, my dear fellow, I never imagined that a wife would prove such a costly article. Johnny—Yes, a wife is a costly article, that's true, but then you must remember that she lasts a man a precious long time.

Perfection.

Briggs—You call on the Dimpletons very often. What sort of children have they? Griggs—Perfect! Best in the world. Briggs—Tell me about them. What are they like? Griggs—Oh, I've never seen them.—Brooklyn Life.

Good Potter.

Teacher—Johnny, do you love your enemies? Johnny—Yes'm—when I meet 'em all at once!—Detroit News-Tribune.

Man is the only animal that knows nothing, that can learn nothing, without being taught.—Pliny.

The wisest man cannot turn a good action into ridicule.—Euripides.

PUZZLES FOR SCIENTISTS.

Many Problems in Nature Which Man Cannot Solve.

A scientist who has been traveling in Africa in search of an answer to some questions concerning rainfall gives as his opinion that the expression of imperturbable calm on the face of the sphinx arises from the fact that she has never tried to find the answers to the riddles of nature, which have sent many men to their graves. What is gravity? is one of them. Hundreds of men have gone insane trying to answer it. Some, in fact, have gone so far as to try to disprove the theory entirely. An English naval captain wrote a book on this subject and sent it to all the learned societies in Europe.

Why cannot force be created by human power? Trying to accomplish this has hastened the end of many a worthy man. Perpetual motion will be an accomplished fact if we can discover how force is made. Keely, with his motor, who claimed to have discovered perpetual motion, was a swindler whose death revealed his ingenious counterfeit of perpetual motion. If this discovery could be made it would revolutionize the world.

What source of heat supply has the planet Mars? This is another riddle. Our earth gets much more heat from the sun than does Mars, yet that planet has a beautifully mild climate. Astronomers have watched the ice cap thawing on Mars, and they have proved that water flows and clouds rise. This shows that Mars has heat. But if it is not supplied by the sun from what source does it come?

Where the tide is born is another of nature's secrets. On the island of Papete, in the southern Pacific, there is every day at 12 midday and 2 in the afternoon high tide. Why no one is able to explain. A scientist has been able to turn gold into silver, but no one so far has been able to make a magnet which will attract gold. Could this be accomplished its enormous value could scarcely be realized, for it would make it possible to work rock from which no known process has been able to extract gold in paying quantities.

Why it rains is a question to which no definite answer has been given. Blue sky does not necessarily mean fine weather, for there may be just as much rain overhead when the sky is clear as when the clouds hide the sun. When rain falls from a cloudless sky it is generally believed that the moisture has been brought by the wind at a great elevation. In the south Atlantic it has been known to rain for more than an hour while the sky was entirely free from clouds. In the island of Mauritius it is not at all uncommon for rain to come from a cloudless horizon. Slight showers fall during the evening when the stars are shining brightly. It is thought by some that these showers are the result of particles of ice formed in the higher region of the atmosphere melting and falling. Others attribute it to currents of warm and cold air traveling in opposite directions, with the result that the latter condenses some of the moisture in the former and causes it to fall in the form of rain.

The First Newspapers.

To France belongs the credit of publishing the first regular newspaper. This paper, which was called the Gazette of France, was founded in 1632 in the reign of Louis XIII. by Theophrastus Renaudot.

In England the first newspaper was published in 1662 by Nathaniel Butter. The name of the sheet is uncertain. In 1650 the first Dutch paper was printed. It contained two small folio pages of news. In the Imperial library at St. Petersburg are two copies of the first Russian newspaper, which have the date 1703. There are also some proofs of the same paper on which are corrections written in the hand of Peter the Great. This monarch took great interest in the paper and personally superintended its editorial composition.

The first paper established in North America was the Boston News-Letter, which first was issued April 24, 1704. This paper was printed on a sheet twelve inches by eight and contained two columns of news. It survived until 1770. It advocated the cause of the British government at the outbreak of the Revolution.

Presence of Mind.

An example of presence of mind was that of a woman who, being left alone in the house one night, heard a noise in the dining room and knew that burglars were removing the plate. She was too far from any other house to summon assistance. Seizing a large paper bag which lay on a table, she inflated it and broke it on the wall of the stairs with a loud report. The thieves, mistaking it for a pistol, dropped their plunder and fled. There is no quality perhaps which we all covet more than this ready wit which makes action as prompt as thought in danger. Self control, which we can cultivate, helps us to attain it in a degree, but it is largely a gift of nature, like a keen eye or nimble tongue. We who are born without it may console ourselves with the fact that emergencies come but once or twice in life, while every hour calls for the use of common sense, patience and self control, all of which we can have if we will.

A Dog and a Bull.

A certain Irish officer responsible for dog licenses had a system of discovering his victims. He knocked at the side door of every house, and if a dog barked he immediately demanded that the owner show his license. Every dog must have his day, however, and one day this collector reached the street with his lower garments nearly intact. "Bedad," he said, eying the victorious terrier through the railings, "that's the sort of dog I like to see out o' me sight!"

Happy Adam.

The first monopolist was Adam. The first consumer was Adam. Therefore Adam had the unique and exquisite pleasure of raising the price of beef to the consumer and the equally great pleasure of kicking at the price put on it by the trust. Adam was the only happy man.—Detroit Times.

SPELLING REFORM.

The Phonetic Phenomenon of the Word "Phenix."

They were talking about spelling reform and the idiosyncrasies of English spelling in general.

"There's that very word 'phonetic,'" said one of the men. "That's a sample of English spelling. The reformers call their system the 'phonetic system,' and yet they have to spell 'phonetic' with a 'pho' in order to let people know what they mean. The very word that means 'spelled as pronounced' is as far from it as possible."

"Now, now!" drawled his friend. "You're too hard on the good old English speller. You ought to be proud of 'phonetic.' Why, that word is so trimmed down and sawed off and cut short that I wouldn't know it was English if I met it alone on a blank page. You ought to thank the language for that word. It is a beautiful word. That 'pho' might have been spelled like 'dough' and the 'net' like 'nette' in 'roulette' and the 'tic' like 'tiq' in 'tiptop.' That would be a good old style English word—phoughnetteiq. But it is coming! Phonetic spelling is coming! Look at the word 'phenix.' It is spelled 'phenix' everywhere now, and I remember it always used to be 'phoenix.' That 'o' has gone. That shows"

"Nothing!" said the objector. "What does it show? That the phenix is a bird. Isn't the phenix a bird? Yes! Well, that round thing you say was an 'o' was an egg. That's all. 'Twas just an egg, and the phenix laid the egg. That's all."—Success Magazine.

THE ESKIMO.

He Has No Master and Is Absolutely Independent.

There are no chieftains in the Eskimo community. They all regard themselves as free men, with an equal right to hunt, fish, sleep and eat. Everybody shifts for himself. He is absolutely and unconditionally independent. His only ambition is to be a good hunter and to rear sons who will inherit his skill with lance and harpoon. He has helped himself against the elements for centuries, and the white man depending on his stores ostensibly to confer the blessings of civilization has never been able to improve his condition, but only to detract from the old time happiness and advantages of the aboriginal Eskimo community. The natural helpfulness of the Eskimo is the basis of the socialistic state in which he lives. He will risk his life to save that of another, even his enemy. He will share the spoils of the hunt with his neighbors. If his neighbor dies and his wife is left alone with children he will provide for her until she marries again. He does not slander or tell tales; he does not abuse any one, and he does not fight. He is a man of peace. He loves music for its own sake, and his life is [illegible] laborious attempt at happiness for himself and his people.—Chicago Chronicle.

How the Katydid Sings.

Everybody is familiar with the creaking notes known as the katydid's "song." It is [illegible] capable of emitting the [illegible] sounds, and he does it [illegible] particular manner. If [illegible] at the base of his wings and consist of two that overlap one another. It is the ridges on these two membranous plates together which produces the "song." If your shoulder blades were so loosely put together that one could be slipped under the other and the underside of one and the upper side of the other were so rough that the operation of slipping them past each other would cause a rasping sound you could imitate the katydid's musical efforts very nicely.

Why There Are So Many Smiths.

At the time of the adoption of surnames every artisan whose work required the striking blows on metal was known as a smiter or smith, and the community therefore had its blacksmith, whitesmith, goldsmith, silversmith, arrowsmith and several others of the same character. The number of Smiths of the present day may therefore be readily accounted for when we remember that each of the different kinds of smiths was as much entitled to the use of his trade name for a cognomen as any other artisan. John the blacksmith and John the coppersmith were both known as John the smith, an appellation which naturally resolved itself into the family name of John Smith.

A Charge of Cruelty.

From time to time unfounded charges of cruelty are made against nurses, especially those engaged in mental asylums. A striking instance occurred recently in the case of a nurse at a county asylum. She was on visiting room duty, and a newcomer was asking people who had been visitors for some time as to the treatment of the patients.

"Oh," was the reply, "they treats the poor souls cruel here. Why, they gives 'em a bath every week!"

Cynical.

"Pa, what is an optimist?"

"An optimist, my son, is a person who believes he will actually see a time when the law will be no respecter of persons."

"Will he be president when he sees that time come, pa?"

"No, my child; he will be in an asylum."—Baltimore American.

Will Never Spend It.

"Now that his father is dead I suppose Charlie will spend all his money."

"Oh, no; he gets married tomorrow."—New York Times.

And There Were.

"There are others."

"Yes, that's what the Mormon said when his wife died."—New York Press.

Modern Gallantry.

The Man (in the street car)—Take my seat, madam. The Woman—Thank you, but I also get out at the next corner.—Chicago News.

Calumny is the worst of evils. In it there are two who commit injustice and one who is injured.—Herodotus.

Kidney Disease Kills.

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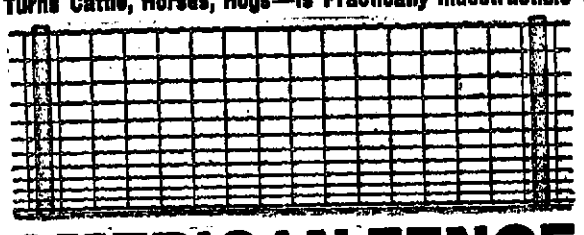

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

—Edinboro Normal surrounds students by influences favorable to study. Fall term, Sept 11th. John F. Bigler, Prin.

—The Baptist Missionary meeting will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock. An interesting program has been prepared and all are cordially invited.

—J. R. Goodenough died at his home in Duke Centre on Monday of last week. He was aged 59 years and was well known and popular throughout the county.

—At the Baptist church next Sunday the services will be as follows: Sunday school at 12 m., Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. and preaching by the pastor, Rev. T. D. Ware, at 8 p. m.

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—A sensational young couple of Kokomo, Indiana, have been trying to sell their bodies to a physician for a considerable sum of money with the understanding that they would get married, have a good time with the money and then take chloroform. Love's insanity developes odd notions.

—Venango county is to have a new jail, the commissioners having accepted plans for a building to cost $40,000. The structure will be of stone, with a capacity of thirty-four cells. It will be massive and thoroughly modern and the equipment will be the best that money can buy. The Franklyn News states that when it is completed, being in jail in Venango county will be a serious thing.

—A fatal shooting accident occurred at Youngsville Wednesday, the victim being Ira Wagner, aged 17 years. He and Henry Hanson had been shooting at a mark with a muzzle loading gun. When they were ready to start home Wagner pulled the trigger and as the gun was not discharged, he put in another load. Going home the trigger caught and both loads struck him in the thigh, tearing his flesh and severing an artery. The young man died from shock and loss of blood about midnight.

Telling Time by Flowers.

"With a little time and labor it would be possible to construct a garden whose flowers would combine to make a first rate clock," said the botanist. "It is 5 a. m. when the sow thistle opens," he continued. "It is 5:30 when the dandelion opens. It is 7 when the white lily opens. It is 8 when the hawkweed opens. At 11:12 a. m. the sow thistle closes. At noon precisely the yellow goat's beard closes. At 2 p. m. the hawkweed closes. At 5 the white lily closes. The dandelion closes at 8 sharp. Since Pliny's time forty-six flowers have been known to open and shut with great punctuality at certain hours of the day and night."

Bills of Different Birds.

The bill of the canary is built for crushing seeds—has strength, but in many of the doves the bill is slender and weak. Many of the pigeons and doves that feed on seeds have gizzards that are large and muscular—crushing and grinding being accomplished in that way.

It is difficult to say how much birds experience taste, probably in a small degree. Ducks and parrots have soft, fleshy tongues, but in most birds much of the tongue is sheathed in horn. Food may be selected by intuition as to what is wholesome, more than by taste.—St. Nicholas.

Purity of Milk.

In Paris the municipal chemists accept milk as pure when it contains one ounce of butter and four ounces of solids per quart. At Bern milk must contain at least 3 per cent of butter and may contain 90 per cent of water. At Berlin the police seize all milk offered for sale which is below the legally required standard of 2.7 per cent of fatty matters. This allows the dairymen to add with safety from 10 to 12 per cent of water to fairly rich milk.

Safer.

"Of course, I don't want to criticise, but I don't think it was altogether right for David to say 'all men are liars.'"

"Well, at any rate, it was safer than to pick out one man and say it to him."—Philadelphia Ledger.

An Old Clock.

The great clock at Rouen has been measuring time and striking the hours and quarters for over 500 years and, it is said, has been running all this time without interruption.

A Long Way Off.

Creditor (determinedly)—I shall call at your house every week until you pay this account, sir. Debtor (in the blandest of tones)—Then, sir, there seems every probability of our acquaintance-ship ripening into friendship.

Leather Breeches.

A hundred and fifty years ago the farm hands and house servants of England were clothed in leather. A good pair of leather breeches was said to pass from father to son as an heir loom. Then a boy went to school as well protected as an armored cruiser. The author of "Tusser redivivus" in the '57 offers some observations upon these articles of common wear: The test of a good pair was to try if they would stand upright of themselves when nobody was in them. If they would do so they were good, strong stuff and likely to last for many years. My father remembered a prentice lad coming to his father, whose fond mother had provided him with such a pair and they were the means of a "vast of fun" in a game that is unknown in these days—that is, for the boys to set the breeches upright and then jump into them without touching them with the hands. It was probably a pair of such leather breeches that the Windsor boy was wearing when George III. asked him if he did not know that the man before him was the king.

"Yes," said the boy.

"Then why don't you go on your knees, and you might kiss the king's hand," said the king.

"Because I'd spoil my breeches."

Queer Names.

There are some queer nooks and corners in the state of Maine, and many of the titles of the smaller towns and localities are worthy of special mention. Near Otisfield is Pugleyville, while Hor valley is a certain picturesque retreat located near Raymond. Dog Corner, Henecop cove, is a well known place in Winthrop, while out on the Coon road strange things have sometimes happened. A mile long is Pin Hole hill, the steepest ever, and all the way up are little rests "to hang the plug on," people say. Over Poland way is the hunger inspiring name of Beeftown, while highly suggestive of negligee was the old name of Saccarappa. One does not have to die to pass through Purgatory, and some of the most prominent men in the state have hailed from this sinful region. Neither are the gates of Eden closed to all mortals, but nowadays one journeys via an ancient toll bridge that lends the traveler straight to this enchanted land.—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

The First Armored Ship.

According to the best authorities on curiosities of the navy and warfare in general, the first armored vessel was launched in the year 1559. It was one of the fleet manned by the Knights of St. John and was entirely covered with sheets of lead. The accounts of the times leave us in darkness as to the thickness of this lead armor, but they are very positive in the statement that they were of sufficient strength to "successfully resist all the shots of that day." At the siege of Gibraltar in 1782 the French and Spaniards used war vessels which were armored with "flight iron boom proofing over their decks and to the water's edge." The very first practical use of wrought iron plates as a defense for the sides of vessels was by the French in the Crimean war in 1853.

Jumpers of the Sea.

Many of the inhabitants of the sea are good jumpers and some have become famous. Among them should be mentioned the tarpon or silver king, a huge fish with scales that gleam like silver. In the Pacific waters the tuna, an ally of the horse mackerel, is noted for its leaps. Sometimes a school sweeps up the coast, and the powerful fish, often weighing 800 pounds, are seen in the air in every direction. They dart like an arrow, turn gracefully five or six feet in the air and come down, keeping the water for acres in a foam, and, if not the greatest, they are certainly the most graceful of the jumpers of the sea.

The Whirling of a Bullet.

Bullets from the thirty caliber rifles of the United States army whirl with great rapidity. The rifling gives one revolution of the bullet about its axis in ten inches. At the muzzle the velocity of the bullet is 2,300 feet a second, which means 2,760 turns a second, assuming that the bullet does not strip in the rifling. The circumference of the bullet is .942 inch, which gives a peripheral velocity of 2,600 inches each second, or 13,000 feet a minute.

The Marriage Knot.

A good deal is heard of the "marriage knot," but very few of us realize that the knot was ever anything more than a figure of speech. Among the Babylonians tying the knot was part of the marriage ceremony, says Home Chat. The priest took a thread from the garment of the bride and another from that of the bridegroom and tied them into a knot, which he gave to the bride, thus symbolizing the binding nature of the union which now existed between herself and her husband.

Highland Deaths.

Pennant in his "Tour of Scotland" tells that on the death of a highlander, the corpse being stretched on a board and covered with a coarse linen wrapper, the friends placed a wooden platter on the breast of the deceased containing a small quantity of salt and earth, separate and unmixed—the earth an emblem of the corruptible body, the salt an emblem of the immortal spirit.

The Speculator's Progress.

Graball—So you sent your boy around the globe for a little trip, eh? I heard he was dabbling some in stocks? Ritchie—Dabbling? He probably was—at first, but when I discovered his predicament he was floundering in them!—Puck.

A Man of Ability.

Tomson—Johnson has no ability of any kind. Jackson—No ability? Nonsense. Why, he can ask you for a loan in such a way that you thank your lucky stars for the opportunity to accommodate him.—London Tit-Bits.

Used to It.

Mr. Knicker—Weren't you frightened when the bill collector at you on account of your new dress, Mrs. Knicker—No; it was exactly the way Henry behaved when he got the bill.

Finding Most Interesting Chapters.

Women as a class are credited with having no scruples about opening a book at the middle or end or anywhere else they may expect to find the most interesting chapter. A frequent feminine visitor at libraries was overheard revealing to a friend of her own sex her secret of locating at once the most thrilling chapter in any book, no matter how unfamiliar one may be with it. "You simply close it tight," she said, "and glance along the edge of the leaves. It is seldom, indeed, that you do not notice a distinct line, or even more than one, caused by a number of edges soiled slightly more than those about them. Open the book there and you have the best chapter." A librarian explained this by saying that the reading and rereading of the particularly interesting chapters of a book naturally cause certain pages and their edges to be more soiled. Of course the longer the book has been in circulation the more distinct are the marks.—Philadelphia Record.

A Bit of Fairyland.

Cruising down Milford sound, New Zealand, when the clouds are clearing after a shower, the mountains are like fairyland. No longer grim and black and fearful, they are laced everywhere with the streaming silver of cloud born cascades. One day we watched the giddy journey of one of these cataracts. It sprang from the very top of the Lian rock, a 3,000 foot perpendicular wall. Long and slender and glinting like glass in the sun, it fell straight down over us, but never reached us. It had dropped, say, 1,000 feet, when it was caught by the wind, swayed this way and that, and finally blown clean away, dissolving in misty rain. We steamed right under it, or, rather, under the place where it ought to have been, and experienced the peculiar sensation of looking straight up at a waterfall that, as the launch skipper put it, "never fell anywhere."—Four Track News.

Butter as a Food.

Butter is a hydro carbon, and all excesses of it are stored up as fat in the body. It gives energy and power to work to those who eat heartily of it. For any one afflicted with consumption butter cookery, if plenty of fat can be digested, is one of the best ways of curing the disease should it be in its early stages or of keeping it at bay if advanced. It is not economy to spare the butter at table even to the healthy people. Butter is not a simple fat composed merely of one sort. It is a mixture of no less than seven different sorts of fats, and no more complex oil can be taken than this. For dyspeptic and liverish people good bread and butter, along with fruit, should invariably take the place of pie, pastry and biscuits. Pastry for such people is only another name for poison, and biscuits are as often as not baked with lard.

Elizabeth Carter, Bluestocking.

Elizabeth Carter (1717-1806) was one of the original "blue stockings," of whom a biographer says: "A perfect knowledge of French, acquired at an early age from a Huguenot refugee minister at Canterbury, was the foundation of Elizabeth Carter's education. Her father taught her, together with her brother, Latin, Greek and Hebrew, though the slowness of her apprehension tired out his patience. Italian, Spanish and German she taught herself without any assistance, and later in life she set herself to learn Portuguese, but for want of books she made no great progress. Lastly she taught herself Arabic and made an Arabic dictionary, containing various meanings of words which elsewhere had been improperly translated."

The Iconoclastic Baroness Howe.

After Pope's death the villa at Twickenham belonged successively to Sir William Stanhope, who enlarged it considerably; to Mr. Wilbore Ellis, afterward Lord Mendip, and lastly to Baroness Howe. This lady was so much annoyed at the number of pilgrims who came to see the place that she razed it to the ground, cut down the trees and endeavored to obliterate all vestiges of its former distinguished occupant.—London Notes and Queries.

Names and Divorces.

An Australian divorce court judge thinks that there is a subtle connection between high sounding feminine baptismal names and matrimonial unhappiness. He has noticed that the names which generally come under his judicial cognizance are Gladys, Gwendolen, Ermyntrude and the like and that he seldom or never in his official capacity hears of a Mary or a Bridget.

A Tune or a Joke.

"Was that a bonafide piece that Ethelinda was playing?" asked Mr. Cumrox.

"Certainly," answered his wife. "That was a selection from Wagner."

"Well, of course I wouldn't express any doubts in company, but half the time I can't tell whether Ethelinda is playing a tune or a practical joke."—Washington Star.

Only Thinks So.

"Does that young Featherhead play poker?" asked Robinson of a mutual acquaintance.

"No," was the reply, "but he thinks that he does, and we are careful not to undeceive him."—Cincinnati Tribune.

A Retort Courteous.

Student—There must be some mistake in my examination marking. I don't think I deserve an absolute zero.

Professor—Neither do I, but it is the lowest mark I am allowed to give.—New York Times.

Consciousness of error is to a certain extent a consciousness of understanding, and correction of error is the plainest proof of energy and mastery.—Lander.

Sacredness of the Mantilla.

Many attempts are being made in London and in Paris to adapt the Spanish mantilla to our use. To the Spanish women the mantilla stands for all that is national and characteristic, and so intimate a part of herself is the mantilla deemed that it is even held sacred by law and cannot be seized for debt.—London Country Gentleman.

Men, Women and Fact.

Tact has always been considered the peculiar attribute of woman. "With a woman's tact," is one of the stock phrases of the novelist. But a writer in one of the American magazines and his view is upheld by an English magazine which quotes him—upsets this tradition by declaring that men are more often tactful than women. Men, it is submitted, are swift to know when to speak and when not to speak—when it is wise to withhold even a look—and that is why a mediocre man will succeed when even a clever woman will fail, why men are greater in diplomacy, in all things that require finesse. Still it is a question whether men really succeed better in diplomacy. What about the woman who is the "power behind the throne?"

How the Daisy Was Named.

Of all the flowers of the field the daisy is the most appropriately named. Probably not one person in a hundred understands the significance of this little flower. Hundreds and hundreds of years ago it got its name, and in all parts of the world the name means the same thing. The nature lover who named the daisy had in his study of the wild flower observed that it opened its eye with the opening of the day and closed it with the setting of the sun. So with the simplicity of the true artist he called it the eye of the day, the days-eye or, as we spell it today, the daisy. —New York Press.

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For Jury Commissioner,
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THE big strike in Russia is not the success that it was expected to be.

THE intense heat of Sunday and Monday claimed many victims in the large cities.

TEXAS was visited by a terrible flood the early part of the week in which many people were drowned and much damage to property was done.

THE "unterrified" will hold their caucuses on Saturday and on Tuesday will meet at the court house to decide the fate of Pennsylvania so far as a legislature is concerned.

MAJ. WM. B. SCOFIELD, paymaster in the regular army, son of the late Lt. Gen. Scofield, U. S. A., retired, shot and killed himself on Monday at San Francisco. Maj. Scofield was on a leave of absence on account of ill health.

THE very latest is to the effect that the Countess de Castellane has refused to make up with Boni and will insist on absolute divorce. Which being interpreted means that Boni will have to hustle for the coin hereafter with which to purchase his own clothes.

THAT Vienna fire insurance company which has repudiated its $2,500,000 worth of San Francisco insurance by taking advantage of the earthquake clause ought to receive some attention from American business men who hold its policies. It is liable to collect premiums and then nullify its responsibility in other cities than San Francisco.—Philadelphia Press.

THE jury in the John W. Neff case brought in a verdict of guilty last Thursday, and Neff was sentenced to serve seven years in the penitentiary. Neff was a former county auditor of Erie county and was mixed up in the Buffalo cemetery deal. The specific charge on which he was tried was the stealing of $7,500 from Erie county. He has made a motion for a new trial.

A TERRIBLE marine disaster occurred last Saturday evening off Cape Palos, Spain. The Italian steamship Sirio, with about 800 persons on board was wrecked, and between 300 and 400 lives were lost. The captain of the steamer committed suicide. After the ship struck the reefs the crew and passengers, most of whom were immigrants, got into a bloody battle which increased the loss of life.

To the safe and sane members of the Democratic party the prospect of being asked to vote for either Bryan, the free trader, or Hearst, the visionary theorist, is not a pleasant one. The danger that would threaten the business prosperity of the country through the election of these ambitious gentlemen would deter many Democrats from supporting them, for the people of this country have no desire to see present conditions succeeded by a period of depression, panics and business stagnation.—Pittsburg Republican.

[illegible] seventh [illegible] party, which [illegible] on Tuesday, for the second time rejected Hon. Lewis Emery, jr., as their candidate for governor. Vacancies on the state ticket were filled by the nomination of the following straight Prohibitionists: For governor—Homer L. Castle of Pittsburg. For lieutenant governor—H. D. Patton of Lancaster. For secretary of internal affairs—George Hoffman of Montgomery county. With regard to Emery the committee took the position that he did [illegible] reforms [illegible]

THE fusionists of Pennsylvania are expected to fuse on Congressmen, Assemblymen and State Senators and if the plan works out as it is expected to do, the Roosevelt idea may not be so well supported in the next session of Congress as Republicans desire. Some time ago it was given out that fusion in this State was intended to include Senators and Assemblymen only. But the Democratic managers will go farther in their anti-Republican program and the matter, therefore, becomes a campaign issue for Republicans to consider. It will cause many a wavering one to line up for the straight ticket.—Bradford Era.

LINCOLN'S conception of the pioneer as one who gets "so battered and spattered that people prefer another man," while accepting the pioneer's ideal, may easily prove to be realized in Mr. Bryan. The pioneer does get battered; he sometimes takes wrong trails and runs into ambuscades. Mr. Bryan has that record to contend with, and the people in the test of the voting may continue to prefer another man. But the very fact that he was the pioneer and was "battered and spattered" must be what makes so many people love him; and this explains, it may be added, why the sentiment in his favor bursts forth so spontaneously in the democratic party at the present time.—Springfield Republican.

IT is reported that the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Firemen's Association may go a begging. The convention was awarded to North East at the meeting here last week but the business people of that place had not been consulted on the matter and but few of the firemen knew they were to be thus highly honored. For the past few years the interest in this association has been on the decline and of late the conventions, especially when they were held in small towns, have not been well attended by the firemen and fire-companies belonging to the association. No other town asked for the next convention and in case North East should turn it down the chances are that no meeting will be held in 1907.

No coal corporation this year cared lightly to force a strike. After one set of ice dealers had faced the penitentiary in Toledo the various ice combinations in our large cities stopped advancing the price of ice. Railroad rebates to trusts have stopped, after the convictions and the legislation of the spring. Seventeen suits were begun last week for failures to provide safety brakes. Every railroad employe has a new right to sue for damages when injured through the negligence of a co-employe in interstate commerce. The Beef Trust is seeking and accepting a drastic inspection. Even the Standard Oil Trust has become apologetic and issues a statement once a week appealing to public opinion. The big insurance companies are under the curb of law. All around, thanks to Roosevelt's Republican policy, the great corporations are under a new legal control.—Philadelphia Press.

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Smethport, Thursday, Aug. 9, 1906.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Baseball seems to be on the wane in small towns.

—The strike at the Bradford Silk Mill was declared off on Monday.

—Get ready to attend the McKean County Fair, September 4, 5, 6 and 7.

—Wonder if we can barrow money any easier now that we are to have a new bank?

—It is reported that a company will soon build a trolley line between Olean and Buffalo.

—The Bradford races will be held next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

—Roswell Sartwell has had a cement sidewalk laid in front of his premises on Water and State streets.

—Next week is "Old Home Week" in St. Marys, Pa., and a good time is promised all who attend.

—The Board of Health re-organized last night. Several important matters in the way of cleaning up will come before them in the near future.

—The merry-go-round which was in the rear of Hogarth's drug store left today for Clarion. It will return for the McKean County Fair, Sept. 4, 5, 6 and 7.

—Another actress has entered into the blissful state of wedlock. Fay Templeton was married last week at Philadelphia to William J. Patterson of Pittsburg.

—All who are interested in good clothing at reasonable low prices will do well to read Monheimer's ad on this page, for it is the last week of this sale.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Clothier, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y., August 2nd, 1906, a son. Mrs. Clothier was formerly Miss Martha Brennan of Smethport.

—The Elk Tanning Company's plant located at Harrison Valley was gutted by fire recently, the damage amounting to about $70,000. It is expected that the plant will be rebuilt.

—Potter Democrat: Collector Thomas Near, of Galeton, was in town yesterday on business concerning his office. Mr. Near bears the distinction of being the tallest man in the county. He is 6 feet 8 inches in height.

—Make your preparations early to attend the McKean County Fair September 4, 5, 6 and 7. It will be much bigger and better than that of last year and we all know that was good enough to please the people.

—The Pomona Grange held their quarterly meeting in I. O. O. F. hall, this borough, yesterday, and transacted important business. The ladies of the local grange served an excellent dinner and all report a most enjoyable time.

—According to the Potter Democrat Coudersport may soon become a hustling mining town. It is claimed that ore very similar to silver ore has been found on the hillside west of town. The ore will be assayed before extensive mining is commenced.

—It is noticeable that the sermons preached from the [illegible] more and more in the form of series. Anyone who has kept track of our local church column has not failed to notice that in nearly all our village pulpits the sermons have been given in a series form. The educational idea is becoming more predominant, edification rather than the old-time appeal to fear, having the order of the day.

—Sergeant Joseph Keene died Monday night at Fort Slocum, near New Rochelle, N. Y., from the effects of a bullet wound in his left side which he accidently received on July 29. He formerly lived in Bradford and had many relatives and friends in that city.

—S. H. Gillion, the youngest son of Mark Gillion of Coudersport, died of heart failure in Chicago, last Friday. "Steve" was well known in this section as one of the best printers that handled type and was well liked by all who knew him. His untimely death came as a shock to his host of friends.—Roulette Recorder.

—It is said that Shinglehouse Jones, the captain-manager of the Chicago Americans, gets a salary of $7,000 per year. In addition to this he has a nice bank account, owns a large tract of timber land in Oregon, is interested in the oil and gas business in Bolivar and in the Arizona field, and has a pleasant home of his own in Bolivar.

—During a heavy shower which passed over Mt. Jewett about 5 p. m. today (Friday) the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Connolly, on Main street, was struct by lightning. The bolt caught on the pinnacle of the roof and ripped off the cornice, besides breaking an attic window. Large fright with but small damage sums up the case.—Mt. Jewett Herald.

—Jerry Mack was arrested late last Wednesday night on a charge of stealing chickens from Mrs. Mary McGarey on Hilton avenue. At the hearing before Justice Knapp Thursday evening the complainant alleged that he was caught red handed in the act. Mack was held in the sum of $200 for his appearance at the October term of court, which he furnished.

—Philip Rodney, of Centerville, Pa., tried to prevent his wife from taking money from his pockets while he was asleep by setting a steel trap in one of them. He was awakened shortly after midnight by his wife's screams, and, jumping out of bed, discovered her hand tightly wedged in the jaws of the steel trap. Rodney allowed her to suffer for a while before freeing her. Her hand was badly lacerated. Mrs. Rodney says she will no longer live with him.

—The Lincoln Pharmacy, which opened in town several months ago, has gone out of business. Here is another example of "Didn't believe in advertising." Mr. Lincoln, when he started in business here, in conversation with the writer hereof on the question of advertising, remarked that he didn't believe in newspaper advertising.—Wellsville Democrat. We have one or two business concerns here who don't believe in advertising, and they are not getting rich very fast.

—The Lock Haven State Normal School closed the most successful year in its history. Its new catalog containing 123 pages, beautifully illustrated, is now ready for distribution. This is one of the great schools of our state and affords the best available advantages for the training of teachers, fitting for college or business. Its departments of Elocution and Music are also largely patronized and thoroughly equipped. The fall term begins Sept. 10th. Address J. R. Flickinger, principal, Lock Haven, Pa.

—Word was received by District Attorney Ensworth yesterday that a woodsman had been found dead in the hotel barn at Wharton, after a fight with another woodsman the night before. He went to Wharton last night to investigate. The dead man's name is Earnest Shaw and the man who had the trouble with him was Brooks, who is said to be from Galeton. The men had been drinking and were stored away in the barn to sleep off the effects of the poison. At eight o'clock Tuesday morning Shaw was discovered to be dead.—Coudersport Journal.

—Bion H. Butler, formerly of the Pittsburg Times, now a prosperous planter in North Carolina, will again take up newspaper work. He will hereafter have charge of the Kane Leader of Kane, Pa., and will instill into it fresh, much-needed vigor, and make it a paper of some importance. Mr. Butler, as everybody in this part of the world understands, is a thorough, practical newspaper man who knows how to write entertainingly and to put information in such form as to make it attractive to readers. Under his charge the Leader will become popular. Mr. Butler was in town, briefly, yesterday on a business errand.—Bradford Era, today.

"Home Coming Week" at St. Marys.

On account of "Home Coming Week" celebration at St. Marys August 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, tickets will be sold from stations on P., S. & N. R. R. to St. Marys and return at rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip. For further particulars inquire of ticket agents or address Jos. T. O'Dell, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Marys, Pa.; Chas. H. Hammond, Ass't Gen'l Pass. Agt., Olean, N. Y.

A brown shawl was lost on Tuesday on the road between Mt. Jewett and Smethport. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Rev. T. D. Ware.

Do you want a good lawn swing? We are closing out our line at cost. They are O. K. Price $6.00. Holmes & Gilfillan.

$100,000 worth of dry goods, carpets, and furniture at cost for 10 days at Bell Bros. Big Department Store, Olean.

[illegible] Olean, N. Y.

Westbrook Commercial Academy will open its 35th school year at Olean in September.

Personal Mention.

Miss Georgia Crosby visited Mt. Jewett friends Tuesday evening.

Sheridan Gorton and family are spending the week in Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Burdick are visiting relatives in Friendship this week.

Harry Provin of Warsaw, N. Y., is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. L. Sloan.

Mrs. H. C. Wells and daughter, Miss Irma, are visiting in Buffalo this week.

Mrs. J. C. Bahan of Colegrove has been visiting friends in town for the past week.

Mrs. D. F. Parish of Saltsburg, Pa., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Cheeseman.

Editor John J. Mundy of the Coudersport Democrat was a visitor in town last Friday.

Robert Daly returned home last Thursday from a two weeks' visit at Chautauqua Lake.

Dr. E. R. Baker and family left Saturday for a two weeks' visit to relatives in Brookville and vicinity.

Miss Marie Purtle left yesterday for a visit with friends and relatives in New Castle and Pittsburg.

S. G. Southwick, who has located recently in California, is back to his old home in Smethport on a visit.

E. E. Andrews and Ed. Walker returned home on Tuesday from a two weeks' visit to Atlantic City.

Edgar W. Strong and family left Saturday for a week's visit to friends and relatives in Friendship, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Henderson left Saturday for a two or three weeks' vacation with his parents in Warren.

George O'Neil of Buffalo has been visiting T. H. Purtle and family at the Commercial House for the past week.

William Provin of Bolivar is visiting friends in town. He is suffering a good deal with rheumatism and is under Dr. McCoy's care.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Harris left Monday for Rochester and Candor, N. Y., where they will visit relatives and friends for a couple of weeks.

David R. Morris and wife, who have been visiting his mother, Mrs. F. J. Vickery, for some time, have returned to their home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Ware, daughter, Miss Helen Smith, and J. G. Masters, principal of schools at Tulso, I. T., who is visiting here, drove to Kane on Tuesday.

Miss Winifred Roeder left New York on July 31 for Canton, China, where she will do missionary work. Before entering on her duties, Nov. 1, she will visit England, Scotland and Germany.

Bell Bros. of Olean, N. Y., to Make Extensive Store Improvements.

Plans and specifications for their new store front together with other improvements are now in the hands of the contractors.

The front will be constructed entirely of brown stone, and plate glass. The cornice of the building to be beautifully carved and surmounted by balustrades.

When completed, this building will not only be the most modern and most attractive of any store in Southwestern New York, but will add largely to the beauty of Union street.

Bell Bros. carry the largest stock of dry goods, carpets, furniture, etc., of any store in Olean, invoicing from $100,000 to $125,000.

The 10 days cost sale inaugerated by them one week ago has attracted the trade for 100 miles around Olean. Never in the history of the store has the buying been so animated, and the sales so large. Opportunities to buy first class merchandise at cost do not occur once in the average life time, and the trade is quick to appreciate this fact, and respond. Owing to delay of contract, caused by being obliged to wait for the stone, they have concluded to continue reducing their stock by selling all goods at cost until such a time as the contractors take possession of the building, which may be ten days longer.

Bell Bros. of Olean, N. Y., offer their entire stock of dry goods carpets, furniture, shoes, etc., at cost for the next 10 days.

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Five $5.00 Walking Skirts at $2.50.

These are well made skirts in navy blue, serge and gray and brown mix novelty goods. Waists 24, lengths 40 and 41.

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We have on sale this week at special low prices the balance of our stock of

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TAKEN AT HER WORD

By JOANNA SINGLE

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John Mason did not slam the gate simply because he knew that this manifestation of rage would surely delight Rosalie. She was watching his departure from the window, and he was angrily conscious that she knew he would, as usual, return in a few days, although she had said she hoped she would be rid of him for awhile. She was so young and so beautiful—and so provoking!

At the entrance to the little park, already growing green in the April sun, he met her sister. He did not know Anne very well—he had been too busy with Rosalie. He wished now that he had made friends with her; her blue eyes were so like and still so unlike Rosalie's. Anne stepped in front of him and stopped him unceremoniously.

"Been trampled upon again!" she observed. "John Mason, for so clever a man generally you're sometimes an awful—fool!" She submitted this thoughtfully, in a voice too gentle to be insulting.

"Then you and Rosalie are agreed, and I suppose you are expert testimony. May I turn and walk with you?"

She nodded and then asked a matter of fact question. "How many times has she refused you?"

"I had not thought to keep count, Rosalie just now informed me that this was the last time. I didn't know I had been the same sort of a—fool so often. But don't you think she ought to give me credit for my persistence? Not every man proposes so many times—to the same girl."

Anne laughed dryly as he continued: "I would have given up long ago if I were not unexplainably sure that she does—care for me. In fact, she never has said directly that she does not. She simply says she won't marry me. What's the matter with me? Am I too rich? I can give away the stuff if she likes. Am I too successful? I might lose a case to please her. Should I be as ugly as Satan? Perhaps she would like a Beauty and the Beast effect! What does she want? I've said and done everything under heaven, and she walks on me—she trails me!"

"Precisely! That's why I called you—what I did. A girl likes to trail a man, but hates the man that will be trailed. Not logical, is it? To use her own words, you are always around underfoot. You give her no time to want you or miss you or think about you. She's too sure of you. She knows just where you'll be. You never let her want anything bad enough to appreciate it when it comes. She has always had her own way. She needs to be a bit afraid of you. She needs to be bullied!"

He frowned. "I am not a brute. That is not my way."

"No? Well, what has your way accomplished?"

He tried to laugh. "Oh, I'll take your advice. I'll do anything you say. It can't be worse than it is now."

"Well, I hate the responsibility. If you get her you'll fight; if you don't, you'll both be miserable anyhow. You must get her—and then work out your own salvation. In the first place, you must give her a shock. Write her a note and accept your dismissal. Tell her you begin to see that she is right and that you wish to be friendly with her and the family. Then call sometimes—on the father or on me. Don't stay away. Absences of that sort are flattering; you must be quite unaffected by her presence."

"You know that is impossible. You know how the sight of her"—

"You've got to do it! And you must take another girl out occasionally. Being naturally modest, I dislike to suggest that you send me flowers sometimes and come for a walk with me. That will bring things home to her. A girl hates to have an admirer transfer himself bodily to any one, but especially to her sister."

When they had planned their campaign and he left Anne at the gate she had him laughing. Rosalie saw them and shrugged her shoulders. While removing her hat in the hall Anne remarked to her sister:

"Well, dear, John tells me that you have dismissed him for good. You know I never would have interfered if you had wanted him, but I am glad you do not. Now you may find time for your music. Your talent is too marked to be neglected. It will be a relief for you to have him out of the way awhile. You're too young to leave father and me, and, after all, I think you're right about his not being the right man for you."

Rosalie shrugged her shoulders.

The next day Rosalie, without comment, handed Anne this note:

Dear Miss Carleton—I want to thank you for your frankness of yesterday, and I assure you that I shall not annoy you again as I have in the past. Can you forgive me for having troubled you so much and so long? You are probably right in deciding that I could not make you happy, as I hoped to be able to do. May I hope to continue my present friendly relations with you and the rest of the family? If I may, I will not again trespass on your kindness. It will be, as you said, the last time you shall have the pain of refusing. Yours sincerely,

JOHN MASON.

"Well, I like a man to know when he's had enough," remarked Anne. Again Rosalie shrugged her shoulders and made a wry little face.

For a week Rosalie was blithe and busy with her music. The second week Anne observed that the gayety was a bit forced and that during the third she moped a little. John had somehow kept the other men of her set away from her, and flowers and drives and theaters were less frequent. She had no time to miss him.

In the fourth week he called—while she was out. Of course she could not know that Anne had phoned him to come. He was leaving just as Rosalie entered and shook hands with her cordially. He did not look broken hearted, and he seemed to be on very good terms with Anne, to whom next morning he sent some violets. Rosalie saw him out walking with Mary Dye. Then he took Anne driving. She began to realize that Anne was very pretty if she was a year or two older than John.

Rosalie's irritation reached its climax one morning at the breakfast table when her younger brother Ted remarked in a teasing drawl:

"John seems to be taking his medicine like a man, Rosy! He's all right and I am glad Anne seems inclined to keep him in the family. He probably appreciates being treated like a human being after the way you always walked on him. The fellows say he's the best young lawyer in town. But I should think you'd hate to have him take his punishment so cheerfully, Rosy!"

By this time Rosalie had reached the limit of endurance. She sprang up and, before any one could interfere, had boxed Ted's ears soundly and fled to her room. No one made comment on the scene save that Mr. Carleton amusedly met the laughter in Anne's eyes and told Ted that he would have no more of his teasing. Rosalie's capricious treatment of John had long been disapproved of by her family, and, while they were all sorry for her, they thought it time she should come to her senses.

Time had been slow and torturing to John. He wanted to tell Rosalie that he loved her and her only. He wanted to send her flowers, to give her every desire of her heart, and he found it a misery to see her or not to see her. Meantime he was very attentive to Anne, who was becoming vastly bored with his raptures and sorrows and was longing for him to win his Rosalie and let her go back to her old peaceful ways.

At last one night Anne waked and heard Rosalie sobbing to herself. In the morning she pleaded headache and stayed in her room till nearly evening. Anne had a long conference by telephone with John and took pains to have her father and Ted spend the evening elsewhere.

After dinner she went to Rosalie's room and pleaded being tired. She coaxed Rosalie to arrange her pretty hair and don a pretty gown so she could go down if any one should come. While Rosalie was sullkily doing as her sister wished, Anne heard the bell and slipped down to answer it. She came back saying it was some one for her father and asked Rosalie if she would mind going to the library and bringing the book she had left on the table.

Rosalie, in her trailing blue dress, went downstairs and through the hall into the library. She had half crossed the room before she saw John sitting in a great chair in the dim firelight. She wanted to flee from him, but somehow her feet would not move, nor did she find a word to say. Then to her dismay she knew that a slow tear was falling down her cheek. John came quickly toward her. It seemed very comfortable to be leaning against him. After awhile he held her off and looked at her. She tried to smile.

"Well," he questioned, "how shall it be? You know you said you hoped you would never have to refuse me again. I hope you will not. Just for variety, suppose you—take me."

After the little minutes had cunningly slipped away and it was time that he should leave her, Rosalie exclaimed in dismay:

"Oh, Anne's book! She will be waiting for it."

"I hardly think so," John asserted dryly. "Your sister Anne is wise. She knew better than to expect you in a moment when she sent you down to me!"

"Sent me to you!" Rosalie echoed.

"Yes, my lady! Do you imagine your sister has been trailing me about for her pleasure? She is more glad to be rid of me than—ever you were!"

"Then—it—was not—Anne—ever?"

John laughed and bade her good night.

"If you were not perfectly sure that it was 'not—Anne—ever,' you would never, never have asked me!" which both of them knew to be true.

And Anne went to bed and slept the sleep of one who has successfully performed an arduous duty.

Separations.

Why do we grieve at separations? Why do everlasting farewells chill our hearts, and the fading away of lost joys fill us with bitterness?

"Be not the slave of words," says Carlyle. "Is not the distant, the dead, while I love it and long for it and mourn for it, here in the genuine sense, as truly as the floor I stand on?"

And are not all good experiences thus forever a part of our lives? Can we therefore regret or mourn any past joy, any lost friend? Nothing is lost or gone from us that we have the spirit and capacity to appropriate and make our own forever. It is not the touch of body that makes presence. Have we not all known times when presence in the flesh brought no nearness, and again when the absent one seemed unspeakably near in spirit? So not to be within the actual physical sense, but to be able to appreciate and love the spirit of another, is the true association and communion. Hence our friends need never die, nor need we ever be parted from them.

Further, in order to realize them truly we need to be separated from them in the flesh at times. Else we shall grow to think them all body and forget that diviner, intangible, unnamable essence—the living spirit, the real self.—Exchange.

Sneezing.

Sneezing is the best brain cleaner known. Many persons conclude an attack of faintness or fainting with a violent sneeze. Our ancestors took snuff from a belief in the efficacy of sneezing. But tobacco so taken is in part absorbed into the blood and hurts the system. Tickling the nostrils with a feather or straw will act as well as taking snuff. Try it when you feel faint. It cannot do harm.

After the Game.

Owner (hastily)—Yes, if you hadn't stopped to take up that girl in your machine you would have won the race. You were beaten by a mile. Chauffeur—Well, you know a miss is as good as a mile.—Chicago News.

THE SCARRED WRIST.

Queer Dream Story Connected With the Beresford Family.

For three generations the Beresford family have handed down as substantially true a remarkable dream story which is connected with a small pocketbook and a piece of black ribbon in possession of a member of the family. So well known and so well authenticated was the story that a member of the Beresford family printed for private circulation a short account of the facts of which, without impugning the sincerity of his relatives, he endeavored to give a simple explanation.

The narrative is a love story as well as a dream story. The heroine of it is Nicola Hamilton, the young wife of Sir Tristram Beresford. This young lady appeared at the breakfast table one morning very agitated and pale and with her left wrist bound with a piece of black ribbon. She replied to her husband's inquiries by entreating him to ask her no questions. She then said that her brother, Lord Tyrone, of whom she had been very fond, had died on the preceding Thursday, which subsequently proved to be the case.

It seems that in the night Lady Beresford had dreamed that her brother sat by her bedside (although she declared he had indeed sat there) and after telling her whom her child should marry and that her husband would die before her, warned her, with the utmost vehemence against marrying the second time.

"If you do remarry," her dream visitor had said, "you will suffer from your husband's ill treatment until your death at forty-seven. Resist every temptation to a second marriage." He requiring some proof of her brother's reality, he had, at her request, touched her wrist with his hand, whereupon the sinews had shrunk and the nerves withered. She showed her wrist, bound with black ribbon, but declared that it had been forbidden her to uncover it.

When Sir Tristram died Lady Beresford, in spite of all remonstrances, immediately sought absolute solitude and retirement. But life without friends proving unbearable, she consented to exchange visits with a single family of the neighborhood. In this family was a son whom, after a time, she strove in vain to regard with indifference. Her love grew and overpowered her. When the young man declared his passion she consented to a private union. All turned out as the dream had foretold. In a year or so her husband's conduct was so bad that she had to separate from him. At forty-seven she died. After her death her wrist was examined and found to be as she had described it.

The most remarkable of the facts connected with this strange story—the scarred wrist—is explained by the writer of the pamphlet referred to above as follows. He considers that Lady Beresford, who knew that her brother, Lord Tyrone, was ill, dreamed that he was dead, and in consequence became so violently excited as to injure her wrist. In the morning she bound it up so tightly that in course of time the sinews shrank and withered.

Instinct In a Young Beaver.

Every animal inherits the power of doing certain things without being taught—that is to say, they have what is called instinct. A gentleman refused to believe in this instinct, so to convince him a Canadian friend bought a baby beaver from a hunter and sent it to the gentleman. The little beaver became a great pet in the house, but gave no sign of wanting to build a dam until one day a leaky pail of water was put on the floor of the back kitchen. Though but a baby, the instinct now awoke in the beaver. The instant he saw the water oozing out of the pail he scampered into the yard, brought in a chip and began building his dam. The gentleman was called and watched the little fellow, very much astonished by all he saw. He gave orders to have it left where it was, and the industrious beaver kept at his work four weeks, when he had built a solid dam all around the pail.

Remarrying.

"Do widows or widowers most remarry?" said the reporter.

"Widows. Widows decidedly," the minister answered.

"And how do you account for that fact?"

"I account for it on the monetary rather than on sentimental grounds. Widows remarry oftener than widowers. They are alone, and they may have a child or two, and all the money they can call their own is a life insurance policy for $1,200 or $1,500. So they remarry. They remarry speedily. With much wisdom acquired from their first marital experience they have no difficulty in persuading some prosperous and steady young man to set them afloat upon a second matrimonial voyage. Widowers are most apt to remain single if they have children. Eight out of ten of the widowers whom I remarry are childless men."

Talking Shorthand.

Through the courtesy of the navy department several distinguished naval experts from Russia were, together with the embassy's naval attache, conducted through the Washington navy yard's gun shop.

The party was in charge of an American naval officer, who had told off for the service a couple of Irish employees of the yard needed to move certain pieces of ordnance.

As they passed through the various departments the Russians occasionally conversed with each other in their native tongue, a circumstance which the quick Irishmen at once noted with interest. At last one of the workmen could no longer conceal his curiosity. Nudging his fellow workman, he said, "Mike, can ye understand annything those fellows is saying?"

"Of course not," responded the other. "They're sp'aking in shorthand."

Implicit Trust.

"Do you trust your husband implicitly in all things?"

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CHILDREN'S GAMES.

The game of hare and hounds originated in England about 1060.

Leapfrog is mentioned in the works of both Shakespeare and Johnson.

The game of hide and seek came from Europe about the beginning of the seventeenth century.

Blind man's buff found its origin with the Greeks, among whom it was often indulged in by adults.

Skipping rope is a childish pastime of ancient origin. In place of rope a vine stripped of leaves was originally used.

The spinning of tops came from the Greeks. Records show that this kind of fun was in vogue at the time of Virgil.

Kite flying is about two centuries old in Europe. Probably it originated in China, where the practice of flying kites is very ancient.

The game of seeing who can hop the longest on one foot came from the ancient Greeks, among whom it was practiced by the youths for wagers.

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Administrator's Sale.

Estate of W. R. Rixford, late of Otto Township, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, deceased.

By virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of McKean county, the undersigned administrator of said decedent, will expose at public sale, at the residence occupied by the said W. R. Rixford at the time of his decease, in Otto township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, situate on the premises hereinafter described, on Monday, the 20th day of August, A. D. 1906, at 11 o'clock a. m. the following described real estate and premises.

The equal undivided one half part of a certain messuage in the Township of Otto, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, consisting of two pieces, parcels or tracts of land, bounded and described as follows:

1st. Beginning at the northwest corner of lot No. 196 of the allotment of the lands of the Bingham Estate in Otto township, McKean county, Pa., conveyed to Henry E. Prentiss; thence along the west line of said lot, south ¼ degree west 17.8 perches; thence along the north line of lot No. 207 north 89½ degrees west 87.4 perches; thence along the east line of lot No. 199, north ¼ degree east 116.6 perches; thence along the south line of lot No. 200 conveyed to Cook Borden and line of lot No. 191 conveyed to Cyrus Strong, south 89¼ degrees east 88 perches and thence still along line of said lot No. 191, south ¾ degrees west 42.6 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 65.5 acres, be the same more or less; it being lot No. 198 of the allotment of the Bingham lands in Otto township aforesaid and part of Warrant No. 2162. Being same premises conveyed to William Rixford by the Bingham Trustees by deed dated Oct. 20th, 1874, and recorded in Deed Book Z, page 144, McKean county records.

2nd. Commencing at the northeast corner of William Rixford's lands and running thence north 89¼ degrees west, 85.2 rods to the Baker road; thence north 29 degrees east 11¼ rods; thence south 86½ degrees east 65.8 rods to the creek; thence north 83 degrees east 14½ rods; thence south 80 degrees east 18½ rods along the creek; thence south 1 degree west to highway 72 1-5 rods; thence along highway north 89 degrees west 25.8 rods; thence north ¾ degrees east 42½ rods to the place of beginning.

Containing 20½ acres of land, be the same more or less, and a part of warrant No. 2162. And being the same premises conveyed to William Rixford by Jos. Duke and wife by deed dated May 12th, 1877, and recorded in Deed Book Z, page 140 McKean County Records.

Excepting and reserving from the above mentioned two tracts of land, a small lot conveyed by William Rixford and wife to O. P. Irving, by deed dated May 21st, 1870, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 7 page 324; 56-100 of an acre conveyed by William Rixford and wife to Benjamin Bunker and others for a cemetery by deed dated June 4th, 1870, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 7, page 422, and all lots in the new cemetery which have heretofore been conveyed by W. R. Rixford and Simon C. Rixford, and subject to all pipe line, telegraph line and railroad rights of way now valid against premises granted by either William Rixford, or W. R. Rixford, and to all existing oil leases granted by William Rixford or W. R. Rixford, and to a certain assignment of oil rights granted by William Rixford to Jennie Dennis by conveyance dated October 22nd, 1890, and recorded in Deed Book 104, page 380.

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